

## Whaleboat, Tossed Over Wreckage, Returns To Save Crew of American Freighter

Tokyo—U.P.—A small whaleboat, attempting to rescue seven men trapped on a wrecked American freighter in the sea off Honshu island, was thrown completely over the wreck by giant waves, but returned to complete the daring rescue.

The Navy told the story Tuesday. It said the freighter William Easton, abandoned by all her crew except Capt. Fred A. Solomon, of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Engineer John B. Williamson, San Jose, Calif., broke in half in stormy seas after going aground April 14.

Five Sailors Volunteer

Five sailors from the Navy tug Arizara, standing by to assist the Easton when the storm subsided, volunteered to go aboard to help the two stranded seamen.

On a second try the whaleboat reached the wreck, but sank. Its five-man crew scrambled onto the ship with Solomon and Williamson.

Another volunteer crew took another whaleboat, with a life raft in tow just in case, to try again. A giant wave lifted it and the life raft completely over the ship and dropped it on the other side.

The whaleboat and its five-man crew turned around and came back through the walling waves to the side of the Easton again. This time all seven men aboard the Easton were taken off and brought safely to the Navy tug.

## Woods Operators' Meeting on Forest Closures Planned

A meeting for all loggers and sawmill operators will be held in mid-May to explain procedures involved in possible woods closures, due to fire hazards, it was announced today by Ted Maul, Medford district warden of the State Forestry department.

Details of the time and place of the meeting will be announced soon, Maul reported, and the session will include discussion of all phases of the problem. Logging operations were closed several times in Jackson county last year due to the dryness of the forests.

Requirements Told

At the same time, announcement was made of the minimum requirements for hand tools on operations during the fire season. Bob Stokes and Homer Smets, forestry inspectors in Jackson county, said that all forest operations including logging, pole, piling, wood cutting and mills, are required to have a harvesting permit before starting operations, for the full year.

There is no charge for the permits, which are good only for the rest of the calendar year in which they are issued. They may be obtained at forest patrol headquarters on Table Rock road.

Minimum Listed

Regarding the basic tool requirements on woods operations, Stokes and Smets said that the minimum for a four-man team includes a tool box, one shovel, two hazel hoes and one back pack pump can.

Other requirements increase

depending on the size of the operation, the inspectors reported. A full list of the requirements are available from any forest department employee, or at the Table Rock headquarters.

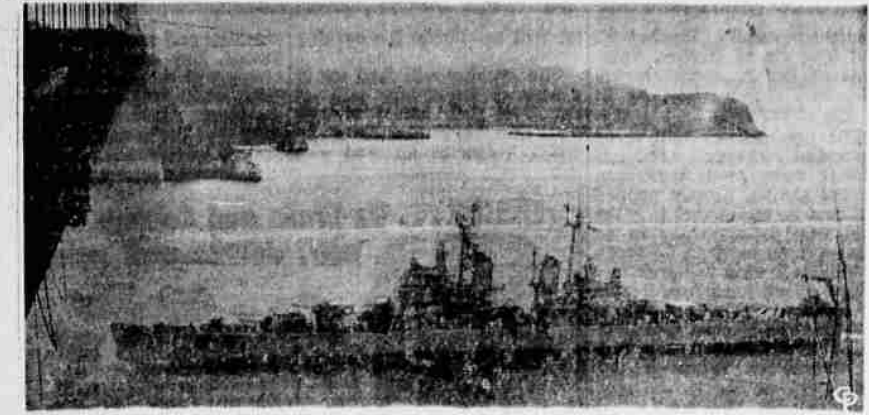
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## Check Charges Draw Suspended Sentence

Harry Kelleher Duren, 37, of 604 North Riverside Avenue, was given a three-year suspended sentence yesterday in district court on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, according to city police. They said Duren is being held in the county jail for Malheur county authorities. He has been indicted there on a similar charge.

Local bad check charges against Duren involved checks passed at the Central Drug com-

## 4-H Club News

Roxy Ann Club

Roxy Ann 4-H club held its meeting April 25 at Roxy Anne Grange hall. Proceeds of the ham dinner were discussed. It was decided to buy a swine sign, wheelbarrow and a box to keep club equipment in.

Two scholarships are to be given members of the club to attend 4-H summer school at Corvallis. Two other scholarships are to be awarded members to attend 4-H summer camp in July.

Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Carl Ellis, reporter.

## Boys Rescued After Being Lost in Cave Under River

Knoxville, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Searchers rescued two 13-year-old boys early Tuesday from water-logged Cherokee cave beneath the Tennessee river after the youths had spent nearly 12 hours lost in the tortuous tunnel.

Police and volunteers found the youths, Bob Marshall and Ronald Finger, more than 400 feet back in the narrow, twisting passageway that winds for some four miles under the river and the city of Knoxville.

Lost Once Before

The Finger youth's family said the two had been lost in the cave once before, but found their way out after spending several hours wandering aimlessly in the dark.

Bob's dog, Spot, may have saved the boys' lives, police said.

A passerby, Roy French, saw Spot standing guard over the cave mouth and found the two youths' bicycles when he came to investigate.

Ronald's mother, Mrs. Carrie Finger, collapsed when told of the incident. The family said the boy had not been home since Saturday.

Quizzed by Police

Muddy and tired, the boys were questioned by police and released to their homes. The Finger youth had not returned home at 5 a.m. and police could not find the Marshall home, where they assumed both boys were spending the night.

Paul Mountcastle Jr., of radio station WROL and first of the searchers to reach the boys, said they told him they had heard about the cave "and just wanted to see it for ourselves."

Flare Supply Runs Out

They said they became lost when a supply of flares ran out and were afraid to go on because of pitfalls in the cave, some 75 feet deep.

"We had no lights and we were in a dead end passage-way," Mountcastle quoted the Marshall boy. "We promised each other if we ever got out we'd never go in the cave again."

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Two men were sentenced to 10 days in jail yesterday in police court on charges of vagrancy, police record stated. The men are Jack Vincent Fletcher, 29, of Seattle, and Russel Martin Snyder, 31, of Dant, Ore.

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